

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the existing claims with the following set of claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A method for decreasing mammalian absorption of fats by the gastrointestinal tract, said method comprising inhibiting lipase activity in a mammal, said method comprising the step of: orally administering to the mammal an anti-lipase avian antibody antibodies that decreases decrease activity of said lipase relative to a control, wherein said control does not receive said avian antibody antibodies, wherein said inhibiting decreases the breaking down of ingested fats thereby decreasing the absorption of said fats by the gastrointestinal tract.

Claims 2-7, canceled.

Claim 8. (previously amended) The method of claim 1, wherein prior to the step of administering to the mammal said avian antibody, said avian antibody is produced in avian eggs.

Claims 9-13, canceled.

Claim 14. (previously amended) The method of claim 1, wherein prior to the step of administering said avian antibody, said avian antibody is first freeze dried or spray dried.

Claims 15-17, canceled

Claim 18. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said avian antibody is fed in a powder form or in liquid form with the powder admixed in whole egg or in yolk.

Claims 19-30, canceled

Claim 31. (previously amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said avian antibody is fed in a liquid form.

Claims 32-46, canceled

Claim 47. (currently amended) A method of ~~controlling~~ reducing weight gain in a mammal ~~mammals~~ by ~~limiting~~ decreasing mammalian absorption of fats in the gastrointestinal tract by inhibiting lipase activity in said mammal, said method comprising the step of: orally administering to said mammal a quantity an amount of antilipase avian antibodies effective ~~antibody to the mammals, wherein said quantity of antilipase antibody requires an increase of more than approximately 35% in food intake to increase weight of the mammals by 1 gram~~ to decrease activity of said lipase relative to control, wherein said control does not receive said avian antibodies, wherein said inhibiting decreases the breaking down of ingested fats thereby decreasing the absorption of said fats by the gastrointestinal tract and reducing weight gain in said mammal.

Claims 48-50, canceled.

Claim 51. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~50~~ 47 wherein said step of orally administering comprises orally administering said antilipase antibody in combination with the mammal's feed.

Claims 52-54, canceled.

In view of the amendment of the claims, allowance of the claims and issuance of the case is hereby requested. It is noted that at Examiner's express suggestion that no fees are required, given that I have one month or thirty days from the date of the interview of November 1, 2007 to supply the correction and since I am supplying the correction within the required period, I am not enclosing any fees. If fees are in fact required, please contact me directly.

If Examiner, upon reviewing the claim set believes that discussion might be useful, she is invited to phone me at 770-598-5518.



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